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 **ANNOUNCEMENT**

KAS CLOSES FOR THE SUMMER BREAK AND REOPENS ON AUGUST, 7, 2018.



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018

Superintendent's Message

This School Year at KAS – I would like to thank all in the KAS Community for helping us make this school year a very successful one. Coming back to KAS this year has been a great experience for me personally. I have enjoyed working with all of you and look forward to another successful and productive school year in 2018-19.

Some Highlights:

- Continued academic growth and progress by students
- Working with an excellent administrative, academic and ancillary staff
- Graduating our largest senior class ever and their successes with university acceptance
- The great sense of community at our school and the wonderful school events we had this year
- A growing ASAP program with a good variety of activities
- An expanding and diverse student body
- Planning and implementing more facility expansion and upgrades

I want to thank all for your input and involvement in helping us improve KAS

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable break. I look forward to seeing you at the beginning of our new school year in August.

Steve Alexander
KAS Superintendent

How to Avoid the "Summer Slide"

The term "summer slide" is used to describe the lack, or even loss, of learning during summer holidays. Numerous studies have indicated that, at best, learning is maintained but seldom built on through the summer months. At worst, many students can expect to lose up to two months worth of knowledge acquisition in core classes such as languages, mathematics, and science.

The implications of these studies are that the average student spends a significant portion of time at the start of each school year simply catching up to where they were before summer holidays. This can be particularly evident in language learners who may have difficulties practicing English at home. The following strategies can be used to ensure that language levels are not only maintained, but potentially improved over the summer months:

1. Read! Whether it's a novel by a favorite author or an online article, try to read a variety of material in English to improve vocabulary, grammar, and reading comprehension.
2. Find a language exchange partner. Whether they're a friend, classmate, or sibling you can chat in English as much as possible to keep your language skills sharp.
3. Watch movies or television shows in English. Subtitles can be used if necessary, but should be avoided as you improve as they tend to lead to reading rather than listening.
4. Listen to music by English speaking artists. This will improve vocabulary as well as increase exposure to various slang and idioms.
5. Play games in English. Summer is a great time to catch up on computer games. Why not choose one in English and improve your vocabulary while doing something that you love?
6. Change the language settings on your laptop, tablet, and phone. Technology is nearly impossible to avoid as it has become an integral aspect of our daily lives. Try using the internet to research topics that interest you or chat with your English speaking friends on Facebook. You could also join an online discussion group to explore your hobbies with people from around the world that share your interests.

With a little bit of effort and mindfulness, the summer slide can be avoided by making a conscious effort to seek out opportunities to improve language skills. I encourage you to try a few of the above strategies and to impress your teachers with how much you've learned and improved over summer break!

Nicole Stacey
Student Support Service Coordinator

Letter from the Middle & High School Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Thank you for another fantastic and productive school year!

I can't thank everyone enough for the endless hours spent on doing whatever was necessary to support students—both at home and at school.

To all our students – Thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. I am so honored to be your principal; you make me proud. I smile every time I see you or think of you.

To our graduates – Congratulations on your achievement! We wish you all the best as you move on to the new chapter of your life. We know that each of you has gained a firm foundation for your education while at KAS. We hope that many of you will visit us at the school in the coming years and proudly share your achievements.

I am looking forward to next year when our 11th graders return with all the confidence and knowledge they need to have a successful senior year.

As I look back at our middle school students, I personally find it hard to believe that our 8th graders are going to become high schoolers in August. They started in middle school as children but they are now on their way to becoming young adults. I wish them all the success in their high school years.

I would like to welcome our 5th graders to middle school. I know and understand that they are a little bit nervous because they know the workload will increase and the pace will speed up. I am very sure that with the support that our students receive from school and home they will rise to the challenge.

I would like to remind you that school will begin on Tuesday, August 7th.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer break.

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal



Saying of the Week

A **Jekyll And Hyde** character is a person who has two very different sides to his personality. One side is sweet and loving and the other dark and menacing. The Strange Case Of Dr. Jekyll And Mr. Hyde is a story by Robert Louis Stevenson first published in 1886 to instant acclaim. In the story Stevenson describes a doctor (Jekyll) who discovers a drug enabling him to create a separate personality to express his own evil instincts. He calls his new personality 'Mr. Hyde'. As the story unfolds Hyde becomes more and more wicked and eventually Dr. Jekyll finds the drug too powerful to overcome and he is unable to return to his natural state of calm and reason, leading to his eventual suicide.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department

10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD LEARN MATH

From calculating how much you will be paying for an item at the store to counting down the remaining days to the end of school year.

Math is versatile and important, no matter how hard it is to admit. Before you decide to doze off in math class, consider this list of reasons why learning math is important to you and the world.

1. Tipping

Source: Giphy

It is common courtesy to pay your waiter a generous tip which is a percentage of your total bill. You need to have the most basic math skills to calculate how much a 15% or 20% tip would be. Tipping your waiter shows your appreciation for his service and ultimately benefits the restaurant too!

Question 1: If your bill is 50SDG what is 20% of that?

2. Netflix

Source: Fanpop

Let's say you have approximately one hour until you have to leave for school. You really want to fit in a couple of Netflix episodes before you leave, but you don't know how many you will be able to watch. You need math to figure that out! For example, an episode of Stranger Things is about 20 minutes.

Question 2:

How many episodes can you watch in 1 hour?

3. Bills

Source: SadAndUseless

Math is required to calculate payment of your share when you go out and eat with friends, and when you want to save for something you want to buy in the future.

Question 3:

If you and five of your friends pay SDG 480 for pizza, how much does everyone have to pay?

If there are a total of 36 slices, how many slices does everyone get?

4. Test Scores

Source: Imgur

Towards the end of the year, students wanting to improve their scores will use math to figure out how to finish with an A in a class, to know what to get on the next test to keep their average up. You need math to calculate that your percentage in a test to know what your final grade can be.

Question 4:

If you get 36 out of 40 in a test what is that as a percentage?

5. Career

Source: Uproxx

Math is needed for almost every single profession in the world. If you want to be a CEO, a real estate agent, a biologist, or even a rocket scientist, it is without a doubt that numbers will be utilized. Basically, you will NEVER be able to escape math and you might as well accept it and have fun learning it while your

career does not depend on it.

6. Exercise

Source: Acidcow

Summer is almost here, and that means getting in shape and staying fit! Maybe you want to meet a personal goal by the end of the month. You need math to know how many more reps to curl, or how many seconds to cut off your mile time, or how many more pounds to lose to achieve that goal.

7. Money

Source: ReactionGifs

Another aspect of growing up into a young adult is opening and managing a bank account. It is important to be accurate in math to track your precious savings, making sure there are no mistakes.

8. Countdowns

Source: Tumblr

For many, this will be the most important reason on this list to know math: so you can countdown the days until school is over and summer starts!

Question 5:

So how many days until summer break starts?

9. Cooking, sewing and any do-it-yourself projects

Source: NoYouAre

Baking and cooking are hobbies enjoyed by many. In order to prevent unexpected results, you have to know the difference between a quarter of a cup from a quarter of a teaspoon. When you are sewing or doing any Do-it-yourself projects, a lot of the times it is imperative to be very precise when taking measurements, so all the pieces fit together nicely.

10. Technology

Ultimately, without math, we would not have the technology we enjoy and consume on a daily basis.

Software (Word, Excel, Garage band etc.), hardware (laptops, Wifi routers, cell phones etc.), applications (Whatsapp etc.) and social media applications as well as games would not be possible without math.

So next time you complain about math, and how what you are learning is going to benefit you in the real world, just remember these few points mentioned above.

Resources:

<https://plexuss.com/>

Sara Abugarga

Student Support Services



Get ready, Get set!

Here I go!

I'm ready to show you all that I know!

I've graduated Pre-K and now I'm done.

I've laughed and learned so much.

It's been lots of fun!

Kindergarten, Kindergarten

Ready, set, go.

I'm ready now to show you all I know!

Get ready Kindergarten,

Because I'm on my way.

I've graduated Pre-K,

Hip, Hip, Hooray!!



Here I Come



Sarah Boyer

Pre-Kindergarten Teacher